



DSA BULLETIN 08-01

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To: DSA Regional Offices
School Districts
Fire Hydrant Installers
Project Inspectors

From: Division of the State Architect
Department of General Services
State of California

SUBJECT: Safety Notice for Clow Medallion and F2500 Fire Hydrants
With Cast Years of 2002, 2003, and 2004

Purpose: To alert DSA stakeholders with existing or new construction projects under DSA jurisdiction that there are problems with the above noted Clow Fire Hydrants.

Background: It has recently come to our attention that the Clow Valve Company has issued a Safety Notice on October 29, 2007 for Clow Medallion and F2500 Fire Hydrants with cast years of 2002, 2003, and 2004 due to a faulty stem/lubricant system.



Clow Medallion



F 2500

Discussion:

For existing installations: It is recommended that school district maintenance staff verify if campuses have any of the noted defective fire hydrant models. It is suggested they contact the Clow Valve Company, who will send a **free** replacement kit and provide for labor allowance wherever they are found.

For new construction: Project Inspectors are asked to verify that new water systems that are either under construction or are pending construction under a DSA application number and which include new fire hydrant(s), are not the defective models. As soon as defective models are found in new construction projects, the Project Inspectors are instructed to include a copy of this bulletin in their correspondence to DSA and the architect and write up the defective hydrant as a deficiency notice. The Project Inspector is to report to DSA in their verified report if the deficient hydrants stem assemblies are not replaced per the manufacturer's instructions.

In addition to the normal reporting requirements, the project inspector should notify David Casey at DSA Headquarters at david.casey@dgs.ca.gov

For more information, visit the Clow Valve website.
<http://www.clowvalve.com/>